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RE: Docket No. 990927266-0240-02  
Low Frequency Active Sonar (LFAS)  
Opposition to Deployment

Dear Ms. Wieting,

I am writing to urge the National Marine Fisheries Service to DENY the US Navy's application for permission to deploy the low frequency active solar (LFAS) systems worldwide for five (5) years. There are many reasons for such a denial, including:

- An inadequate and misleading Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Accumulated evidence that LFAS kills marine mammals and causes them to avoid LFA sounds, stop singing, change their song, and otherwise experience disruption of their normal behaviors and
- The likelihood that Navy mid-range sonar is responsible for the deaths of numerous cetaceans in the Bahamas (March 2000), demonstrating that the Navy has inadequately evaluated the environmental impacts of a system they are already using.

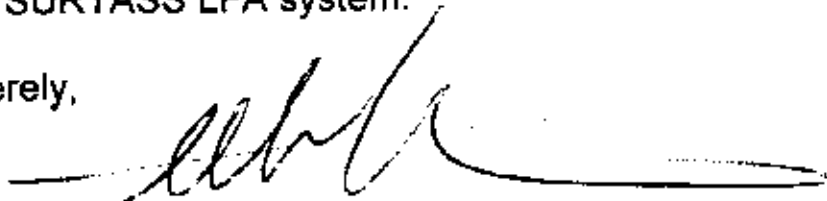
There are too many unanswered questions and far too much evidence of adverse environmental impacts to permit and allow the Navy to put marine life at risk.

There is also the unfortunate fact that the Navy has spent hard earned money of the taxpayers (people like us) in hundreds of millions of dollars preparing to deploy the LFA system prior to preparing an environmental impact statement. The Navy is, therefore, under pressure to deploy the system to justify the investment and to ignore or downplay the known adverse environmental impacts.

The National Marine Fisheries Service has no obligation to help the Navy justify a mistake. NFMS should act in a responsible manner and protect the marine life and let the Navy deal with their own mistake.

Please be a guardian of the oceans by denying the Navy application for permission to deploy the SURTASS LFA system.

Most Sincerely,



~~isn't~~ NOT BLEADING OR BROKEN BONES but if I  
do it 270 DAYS A YEAR <sup>(in 80% of your house)</sup> you're probably going  
to be a little irritated at some point.

Possibly even slightly stressed out, <sup>even if</sup>  
I keep doing it & doing it of course this  
is totally against the LAW in our country AND  
probably most countries on earth. We have no right  
to ~~endanger~~ OR stress the FRAGILE OCEAN ECOSYST.  
to build more cold war mentality CRAP!!!

WE NEED to INVITE the CHINESE to JOIN  
US AND PARTICIPATE in the INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION  
Share the COST OF SPACE exploration.  
The problem is the MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX <sup>[period]</sup>

YOU DON'T NEED GUNS to protect your SELF FROM  
the NEIGHBOR, you have him over for tea AND help him  
with his LAWN AND be FRIENDLY NOT A Big Bully!  
This is the 21st Century we ARE ALL EARTHLINGS starting  
July 20, 1969 when we walked on the moon. Earth should be  
NATIONAL PARK. All MANUFACTURING that isn't complete,  
ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE should be DONE ON MOON OR MARS.  
WITH RE-DIRECTED ASTEROIDS FOR RESOURCES — WE NEED to open  
OUR MINDS & DREAM Big the DAYS OF VIKINGS & COLUMBUS  
ARE OVER. Sure you have to worry about terrorism when you  
are bombing and threatening...